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PLANS FOR THE NEW BUILDING.

The commission authorized by the last session of the General Assembly to plan for a new educational and historical society building, is now ready to make its report to the governor.

Recommendations are made for a building which will be ample for the needs of these departments, with space for growth and expansion. The work of the historical society is now before it. The members must feel the personal responsibility of the matter. Illinois needs this building. Wisconsin has a magnificent building. Iowa has a new building for this purpose and New York is spending millions for an educational building.

This must be the principal object of our labors at present. The secretary of the society will be glad to answer questions as to what is needed and what each member of the society can do. A report and recommendations is made by Mr. Waldo G. Leland, secretary of the American Historical Association, who visited Springfield and spent some weeks planning the details for such a building. Mr. Leland has visited the important archives depositories in Europe and America, and is well qualified to advise, in the matter of arrangement, for the care of precious manuscripts and papers. The commission was fortunate that Mr. Leland gave his time and labor to its service.

LINCOLN'S SUBSTITUTE IN THE CIVIL WAR.

ARTICLE BY DR. B. J. CIGRAND.

In the April, 1912, Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, there appeared an article entitled, "Abraham Lincoln's Substitute in the Civil War." This article was from the pen of the late Rev. E. S. Walker. Mr. Walker had seen an article on this subject in a newspaper. He thought it was from a newspaper published in Pennsylvania. Mr. Walker wrote the article which was of great interest not knowing that the writer of the original article was Dr. B. J. Cigrand, of Batavia, Ills. Dr. Cigrand took a great deal of trouble in getting up this article and Mr. Walker would have been the last person to take the credit for work done by another, and if he was still living he would have been most glad to make the proper acknowledgement to Dr. Cigrand. Mr. Walker passed away at his home in Springfield, on August 15, 1912. The article written by Mr. Walker was not so exhaustive as the original article by Dr. Cigrand, but it is in substance the same article.

The journal desires to make acknowledgement of the right of Dr. Cigrand to the credit for the original thought and research of the article. Dr. Cigrand's article had appeared in magazine form in 1910, and on Mr. Lincoln's birthday, 1911, thirty-seven leading American dailies each devoted a page to the story.

OLD DOCUMENTS FOR BELLEVILLE MUSEUM.

(Realty Transfers of 1722 and 1743, Presented by Hon. J. Nick Perrin.)

The St. Clair County Historical Museum, at Belleville, has received old documents certifying to the transfers of real estate to the missionaries, then laboring in what was the frontier of civilization.

The first was drawn June 20, 1722, at Fort Chartres, by Pierre Duque de Boisbriant, chevalier of the military order of Saint Louis, commanding the Illinois territory, and Antoine des Ursins, principal commissioner in the Royal India Company, to the missionaries, for a tract of land embracing four square leagues.

The other transfer, written on the same paper, but drawn May 14, 1743, before Baroir, the notary, conveys other property to the missionaries.

They were presented to the museum by Hon. J. Nick Perrin of Belleville, who will write a full description of the documents for the *January Journal*.

REGARDING THE FOURTEENTH ILLINOIS REGIMENT.

JOHN M. PALMER'S REGIMENT.

Col. D. C. Smith, of Normal, Ill., who was a lieutenant and then captain in the Fourteenth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, and afterwards colonel of the 143d Illinois, writes as follows:

NORMAL, ILL., July 17, 1912.

Mr. Ensley Moore, Jacksonville, Ill.:

MY DEAR MR. MOORE—I read with much interest your article touching the 14th Regiment, Illinois Infantry Volunteers, published in the *Jacksonville Daily Journal* of June 26, 1912. It awakened many pleasant memories of my encampment in Jacksonville and I am glad that Jacksonville people remember me. I noted that you were somewhat in doubt as to the day the regiment left Jacksonville for Quincy, and so I turn to my daily journal and find, under the head of Wednesday, June 19, 1861, this record: “Rose at 4 o'clock and commenced packing. At 7:30 the regiment was formed into line and marched in column to the depot. On the way I received a beautiful bouquet from Miss ———. At the depot met many friends and received a bouquet from Miss ———. At 9:30 a. m. our train moved off amid the deafening cheers of thousands of the patriotic citizens of Jacksonville. At 4 p. m. reached Quincy and at once marched up along the bluff of the river a mile or two, where we found tents pitched and ready for occupancy.” I give you this brief extract from my journal in the interest of historical accuracy. The memory of the noble patriotic men and

women of Jacksonville who showered us with attention during our encampment there, I am sure lingers in the heart of every member of the regiment now living.

With kindest regards to you and all friends you may chance to meet,
I am, very cordially, yours,

(Signed)

D. C. SMITH.

It is certainly a satisfaction to have the exact date of the departure of the 14th to the war established. And one cannot but feel with regret that so many of the friends who contributed to the welfare of that regiment, in 1861, are beyond these delightful words of appreciation.

Col. Smith does not say it, but I know that he has always been the recipient of "bouquets" from our best and most prominent people, since the war, as well as at that time, because he deserves them.

ENSLEY MOORE.

A CORRECTION.

The following letter from the pen of Mr. E. C. Silliman, one of the earliest and most esteemed members of the Illinois State Historical Society, relates to some errors in the last number of the Journal, in the article entitled, "The Story of Nom-a-que," by Bill Moon. In this article Mr. Moon speaks of the late E. C. Stillman. This statement contains two errors. The name should be E. C. Silliman and happily Mr. Silliman is here to correct the errors. Mr. Silliman's letter is published in full and it is self explanatory. We take great pleasure in publishing it.

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber:

MY DEAR MRS. WEBER—In the July Journal, on page 254 in an article, by Bill Moon, in speaking of Nomaqua, he says, "In an account by the late E. C. Stillman," I, E. C. Silliman, wrote that account, and I am still alive, and a member of the historical society. He further says, "The last account history has of Namaque, was that he was badly wounded at Stillman's Run and was found by some Peoria men